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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN TIN PRODUCTION 1978

1. EARLY EMBASSY ESTIMATES OF BOLIVIAN TIN PRODUCTION FOR 1978 SHOWED 34,000 METRIC TONS OF WHICH 16,500 MT ARE IN TIN CONCENTRATES AND 17,500 MT IN METAL. A BREAKDOWN OF TIN PRODUCTION ESTIMATES SHOWED COMIBOL'S PROGRAMMED PRODUCTION AT 24,000 MT; MEDIUM MINERS 7,500 MT AND SMALL MINERS 2,500 MT. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO COMIBOL'S JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ACTUAL PRODUCTION FIGURES AN AVERAGE 11.65 PCT SHORTFALL COMPARED TO PROGRAMMED PRODUCTION FOR THOSE TWO MONTHS WAS REPORTED. THIS DROP IN PRODUCTION WAS DUE TO SABOTAGE AND DROP IN PRODUCTIVITY IN COMIBOL'S MINES ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY GOB MINISTRY OF MINES ON MARCH 13, 1978.

2. IF THIS TREND CONTINUES FOR THE YEAR THE TIN PRODUCTION ESTIMATE MUST DROP TO 31,300 MT (14,100 MT TIN CONCENTRATES AND 17,500 MT OF METALLIC TIN). COMIBOL'S 1978 PRODUCTION WOULD THEN BE ESTIMATED AT 21,300 MT, MEDIUM MINERS 7,500 MT AND SMALL MINERS 2,500 MT. PRIVATE MINE PRODUCTION IS MAINTAINED AS EARLIER ESTIMATED BECAUSE SOCIAL DISTURBANCES HAVE NOT AFFECTED THIS SUBSECTOR.

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HOWEVER, IF A MAJOR STRIKE OR SOCIAL DISTURBANCE OCCURS IN COMIBOL'S MINES, PRIVATE TINE PRODUCTION COULD ALSO BE EFFECTED CAUSING A DROP BY 5 TO 10 PCT OF THEIR ESTIMATED PRODUCTION FIGURES AND COMIBOL COULD PERHAPS DROP EVEN MORE THAN THE REVISED ESTIMATE GIVEN ABOVE.

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